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SUBJECT: US CANNED FRUITS CONTAINING STARCH SYRUP

REF: (A) STATE 157330; (B) VIENNA 3844; (C) VIENNA 2937

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1. EMBASSY HAD MADE REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS TO
GOA ON STARCH SYRUP ISSUE SINCE JANUARY.
IN ABSENCE OF GUIDANCE FOR TEXT OF NOTE
REQUESTED REFTEL (E), ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR
AND AG ATTACHE DELIVERED JULY 8 FOLLOWING NOTE TO
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' DENGLER RESPONSIBLE
FOR US/AUSTRIAN BILATERAL AFFAIRS (COMPLIMENTARY
OPENING AND CLOSING SENTENCES OMITTED):

2. "THE EMBASSY WISHES TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE AUSTRIAN 1975 FOOD LAW. SPECIFICALLY, THE UNITED
STATES IS CONCERNED THAT THE NEW FOOD LAW MAY BAN THE
IMPORTATION OF CANNED FRUITS CONTAINING STARCH SYRUP
AND THEREFORE JEOPARDIZE OR ELIMINATE AN ESTIMATED TWO
MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF U.S. TRADE.

"SINCE JANUARY 1975, THE EMBASSY HAS MADE REPEATED
REPRESENTATIONS TO THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUESTING ASSURANCES THAT

THE NEW AUSTRIAN FOOD LAW WILL NOT AFFECT THE
IMPORTATION OF AMERICAN CANNED FRUITS INTO AUSTRIA.
SO FAR, HOWEVER, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED
ANY REPLIES TO ITS REPRESENTATIONS. THIS SILENCE ON THE
PART OF THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES IS CREATING SERIOUS
CONFUSION AND UNCERTAINTY AMONG TRADE CIRCLES,
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